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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MATACHE SENDS THANKS FOR HULL TELEX CONFIRMING NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON HOTEL RESERVATIONS. HE WILL ARRIVE DULLES AIRPORT MARCH 19 AT 9:15 ON BN #7 AND PHONE NSF FOLLOWING ARRIVAL AT HOTEL.

2. WE UNDERSTAND MATACHE DIRECTLY TELEXED REQUEST FOR PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AREAS TO BE COORDINATED BY HULL AND MITRAN AT ROMANIAN EMBASSY. FULL AGENDA INCLUDES:

A. NSF. (HULL, RIES, BARTOCHA) VISITS AS APPROPRIATE.

B. ERDA. (DISCUSSION ON GOR PROPOSALS ON ENERGY COOPERATION).

C. WORKING COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY STRATEGIES (MR. STEVEN CARHART). CONTACT INITIATED BY MITRAN.

D. INTER/TECHNOLOGY, IHH., WARRENTON, VA. (MR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAVID DOYLE). CONTACT INITIATED BY MITRAN.

E. IREX. CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY NCST.

F. FORD FOUNDATION. CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY NCST.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS GIVEN NO SPECIFIC ENCOURAGEMENT TO NCST REGARDING ENERGY PROPOSALS TO ERDA. MATACHE SENT HIS PROPOSED AGENDA TO HULL WITHOUT CONSULTING SCIATT AS REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE URGED POSTPONEMENT OF ERDA DISCUSSIONS UNTIL EXPECTED VISIT UNDER IVP GRANT OF NCST SPECIAL ADVISOR ION MANZATU LATE APRIL, BUT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT AND ERDA MAY USE OPPORTUNITY AT LEAST TO SUPPLY MATACHE WITH MAXIMUM INFORMATION OF SCOPE OF ERDA'S ACTIVITIES TO PAVE WAY FOR LATER DISCUSSION WITH MANZATU. MATACHE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY TECHNICAL MATTERS. END LOU.

4. INTER/TECHNOLOGY INC. WAS CONTACTED BY ROMANIANS DURING WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE. DETAILS KNOWN TO US WERE CABLED REF D.

5. NCST PRESIDENT URSU HAS SPOKEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OVER PAST SIX MONTHS TO BOTH SCIATT AND AMBASSADOR ABOUT HIS INTEREST IN INVITING AMERICAN PROFESSORS WILLING TO SPEND AN ACADEMIC YEAR IN ROMANIA TO ORGANIZE RESEARCH PROGRAMS, INSTRUCT, AND ADVISE ON LAB EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR A NUMBER OF PRIORITY S&T AREAS. A FEW DAYS AGO NCST SPECIAL ADVISOR ION MANZATU TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT URSU DEFINITELY WISHED TO START SUCH A PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1975-76.

6. SCIATT AND FULBRIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER PROF. KEITH HITCHENS MET WITH PROF. URSU MARCH 14 AND AGREED FULBRIGHT PROGRAM MAY BE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR URSU'S INVITATION. IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, URSU IS SEEKING A CANDIDATE IN (A) MEMBRANE AND CELL BIOPHYSICS, (B) BIOENERGETICS OR (C) BIOPHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS. PROF. HITCHENS WILL FOLLOW UP ON RETURN.

7. POST REQUESTS NSF FAMILIARIZE MATACHE WITH FOUNDATION'S SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION DERIVED FROM NSF EXPERIENCE IN SUPPORTING "CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE"
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IN BASIC SCIENCE AT US UNIVERSITIES. OTHER DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT WITH NCST AND FULBRIGHT AND COORDINATED WITH NSF AS APPROPRIATE. END LOU COMMENT.
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